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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a polynucleotide (mctl) which identifies and encodes a novel human C-type lectin (MCTL). The invention provides for genetically engineered expression vectors and host cells comprising the nucleic acid sequence encoding MCTL. The invention also provides for the use of substantially purified MCTL and its agonists in the commercial production of recombinant proteins and in pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of diseases associated with the expression of MCTL. Additionally, the invention provides for the use of antisense molecules to mctl in pharmaceutical compositions for treatment of diseases associated with the expression of MCTL. The invention also describes diagnostic assays which utilize diagnostic compositions comprising the polynucleotide, fragments or the complement thereof, which hybridize with the genomic sequence or the transcript of mctl. The present invention also relates to anti-MCTL antibodies which specifically bind to MCTL.

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